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Dear Sirs

SIME DARBY BERHAD : FILE NO. 82-4968

We enclose a copy of the following document submitted to you in order to maintain our exemption pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:-

Public announcement in relation to the acquisition of a new subsidiary, Pinar Baiduri Sdn. Bhd. 1. - released on 4 March 2004.

We also confirm that the Schedule of Information included in our initial submission has not changed.

Yours faithfully SIME DARBY BERHAD

NANCY YEOH POH YEW **Group Secretary**

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Acquisition of a new subsidiary - Pinar Baiduri Sdn. Bhd.

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Sime Darby Berhad ("Sime Darby") wishes to announce that its wholly-owned subsidiary, SD Holdings Berhad ("SDHB") had on 2 March 2004 entered into a share sale agreement ("the Share Sale Agreement") with Mesars Yap Kwee Leong and Yap Suat Cheng for the acquisition by SDHB of 200,000 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each, representing the entire issued share capital of Pinar Balduri Sdn. Bhd. ("PBSB") for a total cash consideration of RM2,720,000. The consideration was arrived at on a willing buyer-willing seller basis and will be paid using internally generated funds from SDHB. All the conditions precedent under the Share Sale Agreement were fulfilled on 2 March 2004. The said acquisition will be completed on 9 March 2004.

PBSB is an investment holding company and owns two 4-storey shopoffices located within the development known as Desa Business Centre, Taman Danau Desa, Kuala Lumpur, measuring approximately 7,300 square feet each. The shopoffices, which are currently let to unrelated parties, will be held as investments.

The acquisition of the entire issued share capital of PBSB is not expected to have any material effect on the earnings and net tangible assets of the Sime Darby Group for the year ending 30 June 2004. None of the directors or substantial shareholders of Sime Darby or persons connected to them has any interest, direct or indirect, in the said acquisition.

This announcement is dated 4 March 2004.

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